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### **Amash recognizes service academy appointees and Congressional Medal of Merit recipients**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) recognized the 2017 service academy appointees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients from Michigan’s Third District at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Saturday, May 6.

“We are blessed to have such amazing students in our community. They are making a difference for our future,” said Amash.

Applicants to the service academies require a nomination from an authorized nominating source, which includes members of Congress. To assist with the nominating process, Amash assembled a committee of military and civic leaders who reviewed applications, interviewed potential nominees, and made recommendations.

In addition to the six service academy appointees recognized, Amash honored 40 students with the Congressional Medal of Merit. The Congressional Medal of Merit recognizes high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence. Recipients were nominated by their principals or guidance counselors.

#### **Service Academy Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service Academy</u>
Tully Boylan	James I. O'Neill High School	United States Military Academy
Garrison Hill	Rockford High School	United States Air Force Academy
Julien Levesque	Forest Hills Northern High School	United States Military Academy
Hannah Lyon	Lakeview High School	United States Naval Academy
Alexander Richmond	West Catholic High School	United States Naval Academy United States Air Force Academy
Lexus VanHoven	East Grand Rapids High School	United States Military Academy

### Congressional Medal of Merit Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Seth Billiau	Grand Rapids Christian High School
Ellery Boer	South Christian High School
Elijah Boulton	Lowell Senior High School
Amari Brown	East Kentwood High School
Michael Bursch	Caledonia High School
Seneca Case	The Potter's House High School
Caleb Chamberlain	Homer High School
Maria Cotts	Byron Center High School
Alyssa Claire Cutter	Harper Creek High School
Nicholas Ettinger	Forest Hills Central High School
John Fitzgerald	Catholic Central High School
Latavia Grandy	Lee High School
Mary Green	Hastings High School
Rebecca Greendyk	Plymouth Christian High School
Olivia Huber	Forest Hills Eastern High School
Matthew Jandernoa	St. Patrick High School
George Johnson	Saranac Jr/Sr High School
Christopher Jones	Gerald R. Ford Job Corps
Ellie Katz	Forest Hills Northern High School
Parker Kirby	Ionia High School
Anezka Kovarik	City High Middle School
Elise Kreiner	Flat River Academy
Joseph Kurtz	Marshall High School
Thomas Mack	East Grand Rapids High School
Taylor MacKenzie	Lakewood High School
MaryEllen McCarthy	Marshall Academy
Jeremiah McGowan	West Michigan Aviation Academy
Emily Louise Meyer	Battle Creek Central High School
Eric Pearson	Northview High School
Stuart Rozendal	NorthPointe Christian Schools
Annika Severson	Rockford High School
Autumn Shelagowski	Creative Technologies Academy
Nicole Spaak	West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
Jazlyn Sweet	Portland High School
Tara Nicole Tepin	Cedar Springs High School
Graciela Trujillo Ortega	Union High School
Ryan Walcott	Belding High School
Alex Wilkinson	Thornapple Kellogg High School
Noah Willsea	West Catholic High School
Kenzee Wolf-Gillum	Barry County Christian School